

## **Michel Thonney (Skipper)**

Michel Thonney is a professional skipper and author. He is an instrumental member of the sun21 crew with the primary responsibility of navigating the vessel. During his twenty-two year career as a professional skipper, he has navigated over 68,000 nautical miles. He has worked extensively in the Mediterranean Sea off the coasts of Corsica, Sardinia, the Balearic Islands, Italy, Spain, and France. He has also navigated vessels in the Aegean Sea, the Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea. He has made four prior transatlantic crossing -- three times following an East-West route via the Canary Islands and once following a West-East route via the Azores.

Originally from Moudon, Switzerland, Thonney served eight years as a community councilor and is married with one son.